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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Masakuni EZUMI, et al.
Application No.: 10/054,852
Filed: January 25, 2002
For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND HOLLOW SHAPE
MEMBER FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING
Art Unit: 1725
Examiner: L. R. Edmondson

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 2, 2003
(Tuesday after Holiday)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the claims

Remarks follow the amendments.